

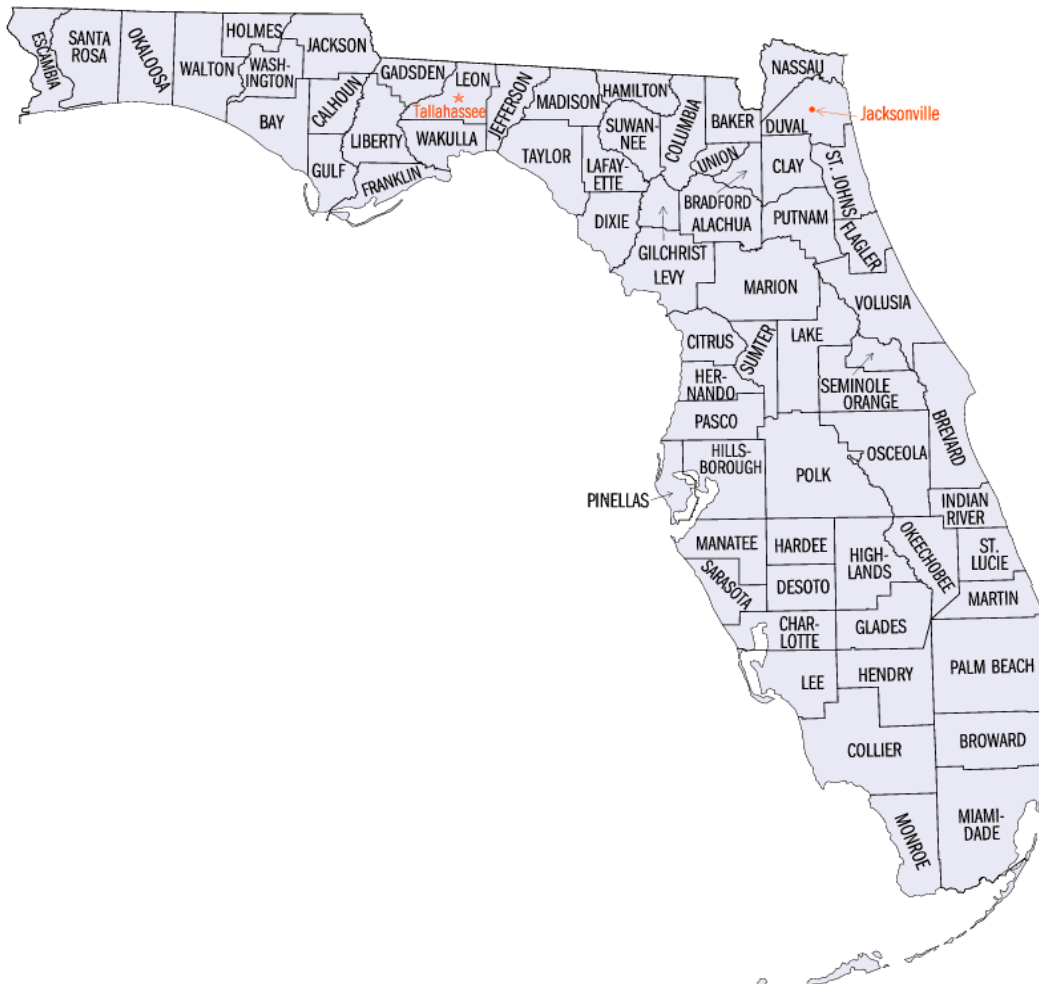
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Tampa, Florida

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 303,447
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 51% white; 25.3% black/African America; 0.3% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 2.1% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.7% two or more races; 19.3% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- The city of Tampa is located in Hillsborough County.

Politics

- Mayor: Pam Iorio²
- City Council members (Districts 1-7, respectively): Gwen Miller (member at-large); Rose Ferlita; Linda Saul-Sena (member at-large); John Dingfelder; Kevin White; Mary Alvarez; Shawn Harrison³
- Chief of Police: Bennie Holder⁴
- County Sheriff: Cal Henderson⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1998, the Central Florida HIDTA is responsible for Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Hillsborough, and Pinellas counties.
- Community Drug Marches⁷
The Corporation to Develop Communities (CDC) of Tampa, Inc. created the Community Drug Marches to fight drugs in Tampa. The march includes leaders, residents, law enforcement and other community advocates who meet to strategize and plan activities throughout the Tampa Weed & Seed area.
- Drugs Don't Work⁸
The Drugs Don't Work program, run through the Chamber of Commerce, is designed to create a drug-free workplace in local organizations.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁹
Tampa has not yet received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹⁰
Tampa and Hillsborough County have been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds received in Tampa:¹¹
 - The Children's Board of Hillsborough County received \$1,475,726 to develop the Tampa-Hillsborough County Integrated Network for Kids (THINK) System. The project period is 09/01/1998 - 08/31/2004.

- University of South Florida was awarded \$388,205 to implement Phase II of the Suncoast Practice and Research Collaborative (SPARC). The project period is 09/30/2000 - 09/29/2003.
- University of South Florida was awarded 50,000 for a conference on effective strategies for knowledge adoption technology transfer with community based networks. The project period is 6/01/01-5/31/02.
- University of South Florida also received \$238,062 to study innovative interventions with arrested youth. The project period is 09/30/2001 - 09/29/2004.
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Tampa:¹²
 - \$200,000 to Tampa Park Apartments Phases I & II
- Tampa did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹³
- FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Discretionary Grants received in Tampa:¹⁴
 - \$175,000 to Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for Weed and Seed;
 - \$225,000 to Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for Weed and Seed;
 - \$166,190 to Tampa Police Department for COPS 3 Percent;
 - \$498,900 to Tampa Police Department for COPS 3 Percent;
 - \$34,000 to Tampa Police Department for Police Integrity Program (COPS);
 - \$34,012 to the University of South Florida Police for COPS MORE- Small/Medium Jurisdictions;
 - \$369,244 to Hillsborough County Sheriff for COPS MORE- Large Jurisdictions;
 - \$150,000 to Hillsborough County Sheriff State Attorney's Office for Telemarketing Fraud Task Force.
- FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Formula Grants received in Tampa:¹⁵
 - \$2,016,313 to the City of Tampa for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG);
 - \$1,033,964 to Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for the LLEBG;
 - \$905,613 to Hillsborough County for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program;
 - \$1,101,529 to the Hillsborough County for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program;
 - \$68,032 to the University of Florida for the Evaluation of the Impact of a Policy Change in a Diversion Program on Youth Recidivism: A Natural Experiment.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2002, the Tampa Police Department reported 35,380 Part 1 offenses. This is an increase over the 34,848 Part 1 offenses reported in 2001.¹⁶

Number of Part 1 Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Tampa, 1998-2002

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Murder	40	31	38	34	37
Forcible sex offense	328	262	289	281	257
Robbery	2,464	2,321	2,183	2,359	2,334
Aggravated assault	4,711	3,989	3,871	3,942	3,661
Burglary	5,720	6,024	6,177	6,096	6,283
Larceny	17,622	13,649	15,336	15,586	16,088
Vehicle theft	5,075	5,740	5,772	6,550	6,720
Total Part 1	35,960	32,016	33,666	34,848	35,380

- During January and February 2003, there were 348 drug/narcotic offenses known to Tampa police. In full year 2002, there were 4,432 such offenses.¹⁷

Number of Drug Offenses Known to Police, Tampa, 2001-February 2003

Offense	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan.-Feb. 2003
Drugs/Narcotics	4,173	4,432	348
Drugs/Equipment	52	82	8

- During 2002, there were 23,913 persons arrested in Tampa, 2,987 of which were juveniles.¹⁸

Number of Arrests, Tampa, 2001-2002

	2001	2002
Adult	19,289	23,913
Juvenile	3,061	2,987
Total	22,350	23,913

Drugs

- Ecstasy is flooding the Central Florida area, primarily Orlando and Tampa. The “rave scene” in these cities also promotes the use of other club drugs such as ketamine, GHB, Nitrous Oxide, and LSD.¹⁹
- Methamphetamine is the primary drug of concern in Central Florida.²⁰

Juveniles

- According to the 2002 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, only 24.1% of Hillsborough County high school students and 40.8% of middle school students perceived a great risk of harm if they tried marijuana once or twice.²¹
- The average age when Hillsborough County middle school students first used marijuana was 12 years of age. Among high school students, the average age was 14.1 years.²²
- The 2002 survey also showed that 10.7% of middle school students and 19.9% of high school students in Hillsborough County reported using an illicit drug within the past 30 days.²³
- Approximately 21% of middle school students and 42% of high school students reported using an illicit drug in their lifetime.²⁴

Percent of Middle & High School Students Using Drugs, Hillsborough County, 2002

Selected Drugs	Middle School		High School		Total	
	Past 30	Lifetime	Past 30	Lifetime	Past 30	Lifetime
Amphetamines	1.1%	2.3%	1.5%	5.6%	1.3%	4.0%
Cocaine	0.8	1.5	1.5	5.6	1.2	3.6
Crack cocaine	0.7	1.6	0.2	2.6	0.4	2.1
Depressants	1.3	3.8	4.2	13.0	2.8	8.5
Ecstasy	1.6	2.8	1.9	10.2	1.7	6.7
GHB	1.4	2.0	0.5	1.3	0.9	1.6
Heroin	0.1	0.8	0.3	1.3	0.2	1.0
Inhalants	4.9	13.7	3.6	12.2	4.3	12.9
Ketamine	0.4	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.9
LSD/PCP	1.0	1.3	0.7	6.1	0.8	3.8
Marijuana	6.2	11.5	18.1	37.5	12.3	25.1
Methamphetamine	1.0	2.5	0.9	3.2	0.9	2.8
Mushrooms	1.5	3.8	1.5	5.7	1.5	4.8
OxyContin	0.8	1.3	0.3	1.6	0.5	1.4
Rohypnol	0.5	0.9	0.4	1.5	0.4	1.2
Steroids	0.8	1.3	0.7	1.8	0.8	1.5
Any illicit drug	10.7	20.9	19.9	42.3	15.5	32.0

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 1,250 full-time law enforcement employees in Tampa (945 officers and 304 civilians).²⁵
- Narcotics Bureau, Tampa Police Department²⁶

The Tampa Narcotics Bureau is composed of the Narcotics Unit and the Quick Uniformed Attack on Drugs (Q.U.A.D.) Squad. The Narcotics Unit works to enforce narcotic and dangerous drug laws, investigates crime organizations involved in drug trafficking, and gathers and disseminates information to other agencies. The Q.U.A.D. Squad works to reduce street level drug dealing.

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2000, the Tampa Police Department Narcotics Bureau seized or was involved in the seizure of narcotics with an estimated street value of \$214,316,326. Seizures included:²⁷
 - 4.51 kilograms of crack cocaine;
 - 998 kilograms of powder cocaine;
 - 23.23 units of GBH;
 - 1,435.66 kilograms of marijuana;
 - 9.93 kilograms of heroin;
 - 16,632 ecstasy pills;
 - \$1,744,402 in currency;
 - 120 vehicles and 50 weapons.

- During 2002, authorities seized 630 marijuana plants from indoor operations in Hillsborough County.²⁸

Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program, Hillsborough County, 2002

Type of Operation	Sites	Plants
Indoor	5	630
Outdoor	0	0
Total	5	630

- During 2001, the Central Florida HIDTA seized 1,570,598 dosage units of MDMA. This is an increase from 968,344 MDMA dosage units in 2000 and 559,671 MDMA dosage units in 1999.²⁹

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁰
As of January 2003, there were 3 drug courts in Tampa that have been operating for over 2 years and 1 additional drug court that was being planned.
- During FY 2001, approximately 44.4% of the Federally sentenced defendants in middle (central) Florida had been charged with a drug offense. Powder cocaine was involved in 28.2% of the drug offenses.³¹

Federally-Sentenced Drug Defendants, Middle Florida, FY 2001

Drug Type	
Powder Cocaine	28.2%
Crack Cocaine	27.5
Heroin	7.0
Marijuana	20.7
Methamphetamine	12.9
Other	3.7

Corrections

- At the end of March 2003, the inmate population at the Hillsborough Correctional Institution was 303.³² This facility has Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous programs for the offenders.³³
- Tampa Circuit Office probation officers supervise Hillsborough County offenders in the community who have been placed on probation or who have been released from prison with post-release supervision. As of June 30, 2002, there were 12,110 total offenders being supervised by this office. The Circuit Office offers non-secure drug treatment at the Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office for male offenders (75 beds) and at the Tampa Crossroads for female offenders (15 beds).³⁴

Consequences of Use

- During 2001, there were 56 cocaine-related deaths in Tampa.³⁵ Between January and June 2002, there were 49 cocaine-related deaths in Tampa.³⁶

Drug-Related Deaths, Tampa, Full Year 2001 and January to June 2002

Drug Involved	Full Year 2001	January to June 2002
Cocaine	56	49
Heroin	34	21
Oxycodone	10	2
Hydrocodone	11	11
Methadone	19	5

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